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Robert J. Kleberg Public Library Newsletter

Happenings @ Your Library

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HOURS OF OPERATION

Tuesday-Friday:

8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday:

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Closed Sunday & Monday

IMPORTANT DATES

April:

12 – D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read) Story Time, 4:30 p.m.

14-15 – In observance of *Good Friday*, the library will be closed. The library will reopen Tuesday, April 18, 2017.

26 – Announcement of D.E.A.R. Challenge winners

27 – Library Board meeting, 4 p.m., Library Conference Room

27 – Poetry Café meeting, 7-8:30 p.m., 1904 Train Depot Museum, 104 E. Kleberg

**Toddler Storytime every
Thursday at 9:30 a.m.**



For the month of April, the American Library Association (ALA) has designated several dates to celebrate libraries. April 9-15, 2017, is National Library Week. According to the ALA website, this week is an opportunity for communities to “celebrate the contributions of our nation’s libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support.”

April 11, 2017, is National Library Workers Day.

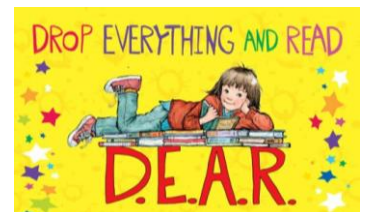
April 12, 2017, is National Bookmobile Day.

April 30, 2017, is Children’s Day/Book Day (El día de los niños/El día de los libros), a day to “advocate literacy for every child regardless of linguistic and cultural background.”

Visit your library and be transformed!

April Story Time: Drop Everything and Read

On Wednesday, April 12, 2017, the library is hosting a Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.) Story Time at 4:30 p.m. Libraries across the nation celebrate D.E.A.R. annually on April 12 in honor of bestselling children’s author Beverly Cleary’s birthday. Cleary is celebrating her 101st birthday this year. On April 12, adults and children are encouraged to accept the D.E.A.R. Challenge and spend 30 minutes reading for pleasure. Story time attendance counts for the 30 minutes of reading and qualifies attendees for the D.E.A.R. Challenge drawing. Entrants are eligible for one of three \$25 gift certificates from Young’s Pizza. Patrons who wish to participate in the drawing but are unable to attend the story time can pick up entry cards at any of the library’s Public Service Departments beginning April 1, 2017. Limit one entry form per participant. Patrons must return the entry forms by 12 noon on April 26, 2017, when the winners will be selected. Entrants need not be present to win. The Woman’s Club of Kingsville’s F.L.A.I.R. Department is sponsoring the D.E.A.R. Challenge drawing.



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**City of Kingsville:
January Employee of the Month
Ruthie Valdez**

Ruthie Valdez, Assistant Library Administrator, was named the City of Kingsville's January Employee of the Month. Her main responsibility is to oversee the daily operations of Technical Services Department and staff. In addition, during the absence of the Library Director, she assumes the daily responsibilities of the library and oversees duties of the library staff. Ruthie has been employed at the library with the City of Kingsville for over 37 years. Ruthie always goes above and beyond in all her endeavors and often goes the extra mile, doing more than expected. When work gets extremely busy, she does not hesitate to stay late to assist. There has been a few times when the library has been short staffed, and Ruthie has volunteered to stay late to help out and cover departments needing assistance. She cares deeply about the library and staff, and encourages the employees to work as a team to ensure the success of the library, not just her department. Throughout her tenure, Mrs. Valdez has always been a very detailed and orderly individual and her work ethics reflects her character. Planning and organizing special library events and functions are Ruthie's passion and is always ready to participate in every aspect. When it comes to the library patrons, customer service is a high priority. Mrs. Valdez makes it a point to make the library patrons feel welcomed. Ruthie is always ready to offer patrons any assistance they need during their library visit. She follows up with patrons to ensure that their needs have been fully met. Her positive attitude and presence makes the library's environment a very enjoyable place for the staff and patrons. Her interpersonal skills are exemplary and appreciated by everyone who knows and works with her. She motivates coworkers to do their best, to enjoy their work, and to take pride in the library. Her diligence to her job is a reflection of her dedication to the mission, vision, and values of the library and the City of Kingsville. (Portions of nomination letter submitted by Robert Rodriguez, Library Director)



Kingsville City Manager Jesús Garza presented Ruthie Valdez with the January Employee of the Month Award on March 30, 2017.